

September Preparedness Month 2009

Whereas, every region of Tippecanoe County is vulnerable to disasters of some type, including natural and human-made; and

Whereas, a recent poll found that only 7% of Americans are considered "Red Cross Ready" for a disaster, meaning they have a disaster supplies kit, a communication plan and are prepared to respond to disasters and everyday emergencies; and

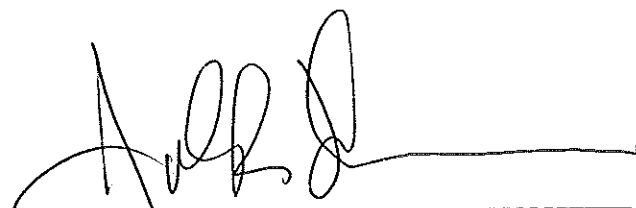
Whereas, experience tells us by preparing ahead of time, people can better respond to, recover from, and lessen physical, emotional and financial impact of a disaster or other emergency; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross wants everyone to have the confidence and peace of mind that comes with being prepared; and

Whereas, it is easy for anyone to prepare for a disaster and other emergencies by taking three simple action plans: 1) Get a kit. 2) Make a plan. 3) Be informed; and

Whereas, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security each September to raise public awareness about the importance of preparing for all types of disasters and to encourage Americans to take action to prepare for disasters and emergencies in their homes businesses and schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Dennis, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as Tippecanoe County Preparedness Month in West Lafayette, Indiana.



John R. Dennis, Mayor
City of West Lafayette

